rate in MCD schools is increasing and the rate for girls is 29 per cent whereas that for boys is 23 per cent;

(b) whether over 3 lakh targeted students are still out of classrooms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the pass percentage is dipping sharply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] (a) As per information received from MCD, drop-out rate in MCD schools is noHncreasing.

(b) In a survey conducted by MCD, in areas under its jurisdiction, the number of out of schools children has been identified as one lakh approximately.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reconstitution of Railway Committees

267. SHRIBHAGATRAMMANHAR:
SHRIRAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DRUCCs, ZRUCCs, NRUCCs, Hindi Salahakar Samiti and other similar Committees are being re-constituted by the Ministry of Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what criteria is being adopted to nominate members of these Committees and what are the terms and conditions of each Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee/Zonal Railways Users' Consultative Committee/National Railway User's Consultative Council have been reconstituted for a two year term *w.e.f.* 1.1.2002 to 31.12.2003. TTie functions of these Committees/Council and the details of the persons belonging to various categories who are given representation on them are given in Statements I-IV *(See below).*

As regards Hindi Salahakar Samiti, the procedure for its reconstitution is under process. To nominate members on Hindi Salahakar Samiti, the guidelines issued by the Department of Official Language (Ministry of Home Affairs) as per Statement-V shall be followed.

Statement-I

Details of various Railway Committees

1. Divisional Railways Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC).

The Railway Users' Consultative Committee in the Division represent the local users in the territories served by the Railway and consider matters relating to:-

L Provision of amenities in the area with which the Committee is concerned;

II. Proposal regarding opening of new stations within the jurisdiction of the Committee;

III. Arrangements regarding time tables;

IV. Improvement of the services and facilities provided by the Railways; and

V. Any subject of general public interest or public convenience or such matters affecting the services and facilities which has been the subject of representation by users, or which has been referred to them for consideration by the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, the National Railway Users' Consultative Council, or by the Administration.

2. Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC).

The Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee at the Headquarters of each railway represents the general railway users of the territory or zone served by the railway as a whole and considers:-

I. Such matters from the point of view of the zone as a whole, as are referred to in para 1;

IL Matters arising from the reports of the Divisional Committees, or such .other matters relating to the subjects referred to in para 1, as may be

specifically forwarded by the Divisional Committees for consideration; and

III. Matters referred for consideration and report by the Administration, Ministry of Railways or the National Railway Users' Consultative Council.

3. National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC).

The National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC) at the Centre considers:

I. Such matters relating to the services and facilities provided by railways as may be referred to it for consideration by the Ministers;

II. Such matters being within the scope of the function of the Zonal Committee as are referred to it for consideration by such Committees; and

III. Such other matters relating to the services an facilities on railways which individual members of the council may, with the approval of the Chairman, desire should be included in the Agenda.

4. All the Committees and Council mentioned above are consultative in character.

5. Questions relating to staff, discipline and appointment are not brought before these Committees or Council.

Statement-II

The details of members of different categories which can be nominated on Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC) as per its constitution: -

1. Not more than six members to be appointed by the General Manager, made up of one representative each of local Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations and Industries and Agriculture Associations;

2. Two representatives of the registered Passenger Associations in the area, to be appointed by the General Manager.

3. Nine representatives of special interests not otherwise represented on the Committee. One to be nominated by the General Manager and eight by the Minister;

4. One representatives each of the Governments of the States served by the Division.

5. One member each of the Legislature of the States served by the Division recommended by the State Governments;

6. One nominee each of the Union Minister and Members of Parliament on one DRUCC within the jurisdiction of Division. No representation will be given to the Members of Parliament; and

7. One representative of Consumer Protection Organisation.

NOTE :- Persons holding assignments of profit connected with the Railways, *e.g.* catering and vending contractors, out-agency contractors, handling contractors, engineering contractors, Rail Travellers' Service Agents, State and Central Govt Servants etc. are debarred from the membership of the Railway Users' Consultative Committees and the National Users' Consultative Council.

Statement-III

The details of members of different categories which can be nominated on Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees (ZRUCCs) as per its constitution:

1. One representative each of the Government of the States served by the Railway as recommended by such Governments;

2. One member each of the State Legislature recommended by the State Governments;

3. Not more than five representatives of principal Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations having a standing of not less than five years;

4. Not more than two representatives to be sent by State Government or Governments of Agricultural associations and other bodies not included in or affiliated to the Chambers of Commerce, etc. referred to in item (3) above;

5. One non-official representative elected from each of the Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committees;

6. Two representatives of the Public Sector Undertakings including Ports in the case of Railways serving Ports. On the Northeast Frontier Railway, the representation will be given to one Public Sector Undertaking only;

7. Registered Passenger Association- one from each of the States which have a sizeable route kilometer on the railways;

8. One representative of Consumer Protection Organisation.

9. Ten Members of Parliament (7 from Lok Sabha and 3 from Rajya Sabha);

10. One nominee of each Union Minister on the ZRUCC serving his/her constituency;

11. One member to represent special interests on the recommendation of the General Manager of the Railway; and

12. Eight members as the Minister may appointed to represent the interests which he/she considers are necessary to be represented on the Committee.

NOTE : Persons holding assignments of profit connected with the Railways, *e.g.* catering and vending contractors, out-agency contractors handling contractors, engineering contractors, Rail Travellers' Service Agents, State and Central Govt. Servants etc. are debarred from the membership of the Railway Users' Consultative Committees and the National Users' Consultative Council.

Statement-IV

The details of members of different categories which can be nominated on National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC) as per its constitution.

1. Secretaries from the Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Tourism.

2. Chairman and Members of the Railway Board.

3. Fifteen Members of Parliament, 10 of whom being from the Lok Sabha and 5 from the Rajya Sabha.

4. One representative of each of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, not being an official to be elected by the respective Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees-9.

5. One member each from the following All India Associations:

   a) Federated Chambers of Commerce.

   b) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

   c) Indian Jute Mills Association.

   d) Indian Sugar Mills Association.

   e) All India Manufacturers Association.

   f) Cement Manufacturers Association.

   g) All India Travel Agents Association and similar All India Associations. Members will be taken by turn from these Associations-7.

6. One to represent Agricultural Interests-1.

7. Two retired officers of Railway (Members of Board/General Manager)-2.

8. Such other members as the Minister may appoint to represent interests which he/she considers are necessary to be represented on the Council.

NOTE: Persons holding assignments of profit connected with the Railways, *e.g.* catering and vending contractors, out-agency contractors,handling contractors, engineering contractors, Rail Travellers' Service Agents, State and Central Govt. Servants etc. are debarred from the membership of the National Railway Users' Consultative Council.

Statement-V

Guidelines for the constitution of Hindi Salahkar Samiti:—

1. Every Ministry should fix the number of Members of this Samiti co-relating the range and scope of the work of the Ministry concerned. Generally, the number of members (Official+Non-Official) in this Samiti should not exceed 30.

2. A Samiti should have six Members of Parliament 2 from Lok Sabha and 2 from Rajya Sabha and 2 from Parliamentary Committee on Official Language. Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will be nominated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

3. Members nominated should have special interest in the propagation and development of Hindi and should have adequate knowledge of the relevant field of the activity of the Ministry Concerned.

4. Besides, one or two members may be taken from All India Hindi Institutions such as:-

   i) Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Sanstha Sangha;

   ii) Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Varanasi;

   iii) Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha. And

   iv) Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag.

5. A representative of the Kendriya Sachivalaya Hindi Parishad.

6. The Department of Official Language may nominate members not exceeding 3 on the Samiti with a view to giving representation to interests not otherwise representated.

In view of the above guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of non-official members in the Salahkar Samiti should not exceed 15. Thus the number of non-official members will be as:-

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)	2
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)	2
Members of Parliament (Parliamentary Committee on Official Language)	2
All India Hindi Institution	1
Representative of Kendriya Sachivalya Hindi Parishad	1
Nominated by Deptt. of official Language	3
(Ministry of Home Affairs)	(Maximum)
Nominated by the Ministry concerned	4
TOTAL	15

On time performance of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains

268. SHRIBHAGATRAMMANHAR:
SHRIRAJUPARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on time performance of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains is not being maintained and trains are running considerably late;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not maintaining on time performance of these trains; and